

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims reflects the claims as allowed and contains no new amendments.

Claims 1-31 (canceled without prejudice or disclaimer)

Claim 32. (Previously presented) A fusion protein comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:27, except that position 42 is altered to alanine or arginine, and position 267 is altered to serine, such that binding of the encoded altered toxin to either the MHC class II or T cell antigen receptor is altered.

Claims 33-42 (canceled without prejudice or disclaimer)

Claim 43. (Previously presented) An isolated and purified superantigen toxin having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 27.

Claims 44-75 (canceled without prejudice or disclaimer)